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this case, there must be a neutral overcurrent relay and alarm system that is set to function at a current value not more than the neutral rating.

- (2) Equalizer buses. For each threewire generator, the circuit breaker must protect against a short circuit on the equalizer bus.
- (j) Circuit breaker reclosing. Generator circuit breakers must not automatically close after tripping.

[CGD 74-125A, 47 FR 15236, Apr. 8, 1982, as amended by CGD 81-030, 53 FR 17847, May 18, 1988; CGD 94-108, 61 FR 28277, June 4, 1996; 62 FR 23908, May 1, 1997]

## §111.12-13 Propulsion generator protection.

For general requirements, see §111.35–1 of this chapter.

# Subpart 111.15—Storage Batteries and Battery Chargers: Construction and Installation

#### §111.15-1 General.

Each battery must meet the requirements of this subpart.

[CGD 94-108, 61 FR 28277, June 4, 1996]

#### §111.15-2 Battery construction.

- (a) A battery cell, when inclined at 40 degrees from the vertical, must not spill electrolyte.
- (b) Each fully charged lead-acid battery must have a specific gravity that meets section 22 of IEEE 45-2002 (incorporated by reference; see 46 CFR 110.10-1).
- (c) Batteries must not evolve hydrogen at a rate exceeding that of a similar size lead-acid battery under similar charging condition.
- (d) Batteries must be constructed to take into account the environmental conditions of a marine installation, including temperature, vibration, and shock.

[CGD 94–108, 61 FR 28277, June 4, 1996, as amended by USCG–2003–16630, 73 FR 65196, Oct. 31, 2008]

### §111.15-3 Battery categories.

(a) A battery installation is classified as one of three types, based upon power output of the battery charger, as follows:

- (1) Large. A large battery installation is one connected to a battery charger that has an output of more than 2 kw computed from the highest possible charging current and the rated voltage of the battery installation.
- (2) Moderate. A moderate battery installation is one connected to a battery charger that has an output of between 0.2 kw and 2 kw computed from the highest possible charging current and the rated voltage of the battery installation.
- (3) Small. A small battery installation is one connected to a battery charger that has an output of less than 0.2 kw computed from the highest possible charging current and the rated voltage of the battery installation.
- (b) Batteries that generate less hydrogen under normal charging and discharging conditions than an equivalent category of lead-acid batteries (e.g., sealed batteries) may have their battery category reduced to an equivalent category of lead-acid batteries.

[CGD 74–125A, 47 FR 15236, Apr. 8, 1982, as amended by CGD 94–108, 61 FR 28278, June 4, 1996]

#### §111.15-5 Battery installation.

- (a) Large batteries. Each large battery installation must be in a room that is only for batteries or a box on deck. Installed electrical equipment must meet the hazardous location requirements in subpart 111.105 of this part.
- (b) Moderate batteries. Each moderate battery installation must be in a battery room, in a box on deck, or in a box or locker in another space such as an engineroom, storeroom, or similar space, except if a moderate battery installation is in a ventilated compartment such as the engineroom and is protected from falling objects, a box or locker is not required. A moderate battery installation must not be in a sleeping space. An engine cranking battery for one or more engines must be as close as possible to the engine or engines.
- (c) Small batteries. Small size battery installations must not be located in poorly-ventilated spaces, such as closets, or in living spaces, such as staterooms.
- (d) Battery trays. Each battery tray must be chocked with wood strips or